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W A L E S.

METROPOLITAN CAMBRIAN INSTITUTION.—A General Meeting of this Society took place on the first Saturday in last month, when Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart, the President, was in the chair. The devices for the medal, of which an account was given in the last Number, were finally approved; and the necessary arrangements, preparatory to the Anniversary of the 22nd of May, were also made. Sir W. W. Wynn has promised to preside on that occasion; and it is to be hoped, that the first annual meeting of this patriotic institution will be celebrated by a full attendance of such of the members and other friends to the cause, as may be then in London. The Prize Ode, as appears by the advertisement, will be recited on that day; and there are in preparation some Essays, on subjects connected with Welsh literature, which will also be read at the same time. So it may reasonably be anticipated, that the first anniversary of the Cambrian Institution will not pass without its due share of interest and attraction. * *

CYMMRODORION IN POWYS.—The following is a description of the Medals and other prizes, awarded by the Cymmrodorion in Powys, at their *Eisteddfod* in September, and the whole of which have been executed, with singular taste and beauty, by Mr. DAVID ELLIS, 2, John Street, Oxford Street, London, who has been appointed Medalist to the Society:—

1. A SILVER MEDAL.—To Mr. EVAN EVANS, of Trefriw, Carnarvonshire, for the best CYWYDD (Poem) on the longing of a Welshman for his country in a foreign land. The obverse represents a ship leaving the shore, and on the reverse is the name of the successful candidate.

2. A SILVER MEDAL.—To Mr. ROBERT DAVIES, of Nantglyn, Denbighshire, for the best AWDL (Ode) on the death of his late Majesty. On the obverse is raised, in fine relief, a representation of the Bardic Chair, and on the reverse is an appropriate inscription, with the following lines:—

“ Nantglyn, y glanddyn glwys,
Ei hun bioedd hen Bowys.”

3. A SILVER MEDAL and CHAIN.—To the Rev. W. J. REES, of Cascob, A. M. for the best ESSAY on the Notices of Britain in ancient authors. In the centre of the obverse of the Medal is the representation of an open Book, on which are engraved the words “Essay on Britain:” above, and nearly surrounding the Book, on a raised ribbon, is the following inscription in Bardic characters,—“Gwell Dysg na Golud” [Learning is better than Wealth]; and round the ribbon, near the edge, is a chased wreath of laurel. On the reverse is inscribed—“Presented by the Cymmrodorion in Powys.” The chain is also remarkably elegant.

4. A SILVER MEDAL.—To the Rev. JOHN HUGHES, author of “*Horæ Britannicæ*,” for the best ESSAY on the history and character of Arthur whether real or fabulous.—The obverse represents an ancient fortified city on the banks of a river, above which is the inscription—“Caerllion ar Wysg, lle bu Arthur yn teyrnasu” [Caerleon on Usk, where Arthur reigned]; and on the reverse is another inscription, appropriate to the occasion, on which the medal was gained.

5. A MINIATURE SILVER HARP.—To Mr. RICHARD ROBERTS, of Carnarvon, as best performer on the Triple Harp. This Harp is beautifully executed.

6. A SILVER MEDAL.—To Mr. LEWIS ROBERTS, of Maentwrog, as the best DATGEINIAD, or Vocalist. The obverse presents a Laurel wreath; and on the reverse is an appropriate inscription.

7. A SILVER MEDAL.—To Mr. JOHN HUGHES, Master of the Royal Denbigh Band.—On the obverse is the representation of a lyre; and on the reverse is inscribed—“Presented by the Cymmrodorion Society to Mr. John Hughes.”

8. A SILVER CUP with HANDLES.—To Mr. JOHN PARRY, Editor of “*Welsh Melodies*,” as Director of the Concerts. This Cup, which is of beautiful workmanship and of the most elegant form, has a vine leaf and grape border, exquisitely chased, and is within richly gilt. On the sides are two inscriptions, one in Welsh the other in English, commemorative of the occasion, on which Mr. Parry’s exertions so well merited this tasteful acknowledgement.

Mr. Ellis, under whose directions and superintendence these prizes have been prepared, is a native of the Principality, and deserves the general patronage of his countrymen for the happy

union of design and execution, which he has displayed upon this occasion. Mr. Ellis is also Medalist to the Metropolitan Cambrian Institution.

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CHURCH UNION SOCIETY IN THE DIOCESE OF ST. DAVID'S.—The following Premiums are proposed for the Society's Prize Subjects for this year.

1. A premium of Fifty Pounds (by benefaction) for the best Essay on the Scripture doctrines of Adultery and Divorce, and on the criminal character and punishment of adultery by the ancient laws of England and other countries.

2. A premium of Five and Twenty Pounds for the best Essay on the influence of a moral life on our judgment in matters of faith.—“If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God.”—John vii. 17.

ST. DAVID'S DAY.—This national festival was observed both in and out of the Principality with the honours usually lavished on our tutelar Saint. But, as it would exceed the limits of this publication to launch into all the particulars, this article will be confined to a brief account of the proceedings in the metropolis and at Liverpool, at which places St. David has generally found his most liberal votaries.

The Society of Ancient Britons in London, more generally known as the “Welsh Charity,” celebrated, on this occasion, their 107th anniversary. The President, Sir W. W. Wynn, and other officers of the Institution, after breakfasting together at the School house in Gray's Inn Lane, went in the usual procession, accompanied by the children of the Charity, and a large assemblage of its friends, to St. George's Church, Hanover Square, where the service was read in Welsh by the Chaplain, and an English sermon preached by the Right Rev. Bp. of Llandaff. The company afterwards met at dinner at the Freemason's Tavern, where the chair was filled by H. S. H. the Prince of Saxe Coburg. About four hundred individuals were present, among whom were several noblemen, and gentlemen of distinction, connected with Wales; and it is hardly necessary to add, that the meeting was distinguished by the customary union of national feeling and convivial hilarity. His Majesty, as Patron of the Society, presented his usual annual donation of one hundred guineas, making the sum total of his contribution to the funds of the Institution, since he has become Patron, to amount to £6090. The subscriptions of the day were announced as being near £1,100, a sum,